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REF: (A) ACCRA 6169, (B) ACCRA 6191,

1. EMBASSY STILL WAITING FOR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY (NFA) GIVING GOG RESPONSE ON BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT ISSUE. DELAY MAY RESULT FROM ABSENCE UNTIL AUGUST 25 OF COMMISSIONER FELLI AND TOP MFA OFFICIALS WHO WERE AT COLOMBO NAM CONFERENCE OR BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN GOG RESPONSE AS INDICATED BY SMC SECRETARY DEBRAH TO PANAM REP HILL ON AUGUST 20 (ACCRA 6191).
EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOWS:

2. DWEMOH LETTER (ACCRA 6169) LESS THAN PRECISE ON SEVERAL POINTS, I.E., PARA II QUESTION OF FUTURE PANAM INCOME TAX LIABILITY. WE QUESTION PARTICULARLY THE SENTENCE "THIS CLAUSE SHOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE GHANA AIRWAYS STARTS OPERATING TO THE USA." DWEMOH'S INTERPRETATION OF THIS CLAUSE IS WELCOME BUT OBVIOUSLY THIS WILL HAVE TO BE PURSUED FURTHER. DEBRAH'S ASSURANCE THAT PANAM

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CAN HAVE FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS TO NAIROBI ALSO IS WELCOME

ESPECIALLY IN FACE OF THE CATEGORICAL NATURE OF THE LANGUAGE
IN PARA III. WE WILL ALSO WELCOME WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THIS
POINT.

3. WE WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE LANGUAGE OF PARA VI
REGARDING PANAMA'S "TAX ARREARS", AND WONDER IF, IN SPITE
OF DWEMOH'S ASSURANCE, THE RATHER ODD PHRASEOLOGY DOES NOT
LEAVE THIS ITEM ON THE BACK BURNER TO BE BROUGHT FORTH AGAIN
AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

4. PARA V INSTRUCTING MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS TO
START NEGOTIATIONS WITH NIGERIA AND LIBERIA AND OTHER
COUNTRIES ON POOL ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE WINDOW DRESSING FOR OUR
BENEFIT SINCE AMBASSADOR BLACK HAD ALWAYS STRESSED THE
DESIRABILITY OF POOLING ARRANGEMENTS. NONETHELESS THIS IS IN
LINE WITH DWEMOH'S OWN INTERSTS AND IS SOMETHING, HE
SAYS, HE HAS BEEN PUSHING WITH HIS
COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

5. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS OFFICIAL TEXT RECEIVED FROM MFA.
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